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Peninsular and Oriental S. N. Company.
For rates, dates of sailing, and further particulars
See Notice on Page 2.

ORIENT-ROYAL MAIL LINE.

OUTWARD TO AUSTRALIA.
June 14 | R.M.S. Oriza will leave Suez about June 23
HOMER to NAPLES, MARSEILLE, GIBRALTAR, LONDON, TILBURY.
R.M.S. Oriza will leave Port Said June 19 | R.M.S. Oriza will leave Port Said June 23
Special reduced rates during summer season (15th May - 15th September) as follows:

| Passenger | 1st Class | 2nd Class | 3rd Class |
|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Adult | £7.0.0 | £4.0.0 | £2.0.0 |
| Child | £3.5.0 | £2.0.0 | £1.0.0 |
| Infant | £2.0.0 | £1.0.0 | £0.5.0 |

The summer fares are net but passengers travelling at these rates, and returning within 6 months at the winter rate, will obtain an abatement of 20% off the first and second class winter rate.

Agents, Cairo: THOMAS COOK & SON, Ltd.; Alexandria: R. J. MOSS & CO.
For all information apply to Wm. STAPLEDON & SONS, Port Said & Port Tewfik (Suez). 31-12-4

BIBBY LINE TWIN-SCREW MAIL STEAMERS.

OUTWARDS TO COLOMBO, TATCHEE, etc. and HANGKOW.
S.S. Worcestershire, 7,160 tons will leave Suez about June 20th
HOMER to NAPLES, MARSEILLE, GIBRALTAR, LONDON, TILBURY.
S.S. Shropshire, 5,785 tons, will leave Port Said about June 25th.
SPECIAL REDUCED FARES DURING THE SUMMER SEASON.
May 26th - September 30th inclusive
Fares from Port Said to Marseilles £8.0.0; London £12.0.0; Colombo £32.10.0; Rangoon £37.10.0
Fitted with Refrigerators, Electric Light, Electric Fans and all recent improvements.
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KHEDIVIAL MAIL LINE.

Fast British Passenger Steamers.
GREECE-TURKEY MAIL SERVICE.
Express steamers leave Alexandria weekly as under for PIRÆUS (Athens), SMYRNA, MYTILENE, and CONSTANTINOPLE, in connection with the Oriental Railway Express Service for VIENNA, BERLIN, PARIS & LONDON.
S.S. **Osmanieh**, 4,000 tons, leaves Alexandria on Thursday 11th May, 9.23, June 6 and 20.
S.S. **Osmanieh**, 4,000 tons, leaves Alexandria on Wednesday 4th May, 1.15, 23, June 12 and 26.
Special express itinerary arriving Piræus Friday evening and Constantinople Saturday afternoon omitting Smyrna and Mytilene en route.
PALESTINE-SYRIA MAIL SERVICE.—The fast steamers Assouan, Minieh and Menzaleh leave Alexandria alternately on Saturdays at 4 p.m. for Jaffa (for Jerusalem), Haifa (for Beirut), Tripoli, Alexandria, and Mersina, calling fortnightly for LARNA (Cyprus) and continuing from Beirut in alternate weeks to Rhodes, Smyrna, Mytilene, Dardanelles, Gallipoli and Constantinople.
SUDAN DIRECT MAIL SERVICE.—The mail steamers Dahabieh and Kossair leave Suez alternately on Wednesdays at 5 p.m. for Port Sudan and Suakin in connection with the Sudan Government Railways express service to Khartoum.
RED SEA COASTING MAIL SERVICE.—Mail steamers leave Suez on Mondays at 5 p.m. for Tor (for Sinal), Yambu and Jeddah, continuing in alternate weeks to Port Sudan, Suakin, Massawa, Hodeidah and Aden.
For further information refer to the Co's Agents at Alexandria, Cairo, Port Said, Suez or to THOMAS COOK & SON (Egypt) Ltd., HAMBURG-AMERICA REHE-BUREAU or other Tourist Agencies.

DEUTSCHE LEVANTE-LINIE.

Mail and Passenger Steamships. Regular Service fortnightly from HAMBURG to ALEXANDRIA; weekly from ANTWERP; every 4 weeks from BOMBAY direct to ALEXANDRIA; homebound every 2 weeks from ALEXANDRIA for ROTTERDAM and HAMBURG. Goods forwarded at through rates from all German Railway Stations on direct bills of lading to ALEXANDRIA, CAIRO, SUVA, etc. Special facilities for conveyance of cotton, etc. from Alexandria via Rotterdam and Hamburg to German manufacturing towns.
Expected at Alexandria:
June 9 S.S. Nyctinos from Antwerp.
June 17 S.S. Leobos from Hamburg.
June 17 S.S. Tinos from Hamburg, and Bordeaux.
June 22 S.S. Hainout from Hamburg.
For tariff and particulars apply to ADOLPHE STROSS, Alexandria Agent, 15-9-907

The Moss S. S. Company, Ltd.

For LIVERPOOL calling at MALTA (Messrs. JAMES MOSS & CO., 31, James St., Liverpool, Managers.)
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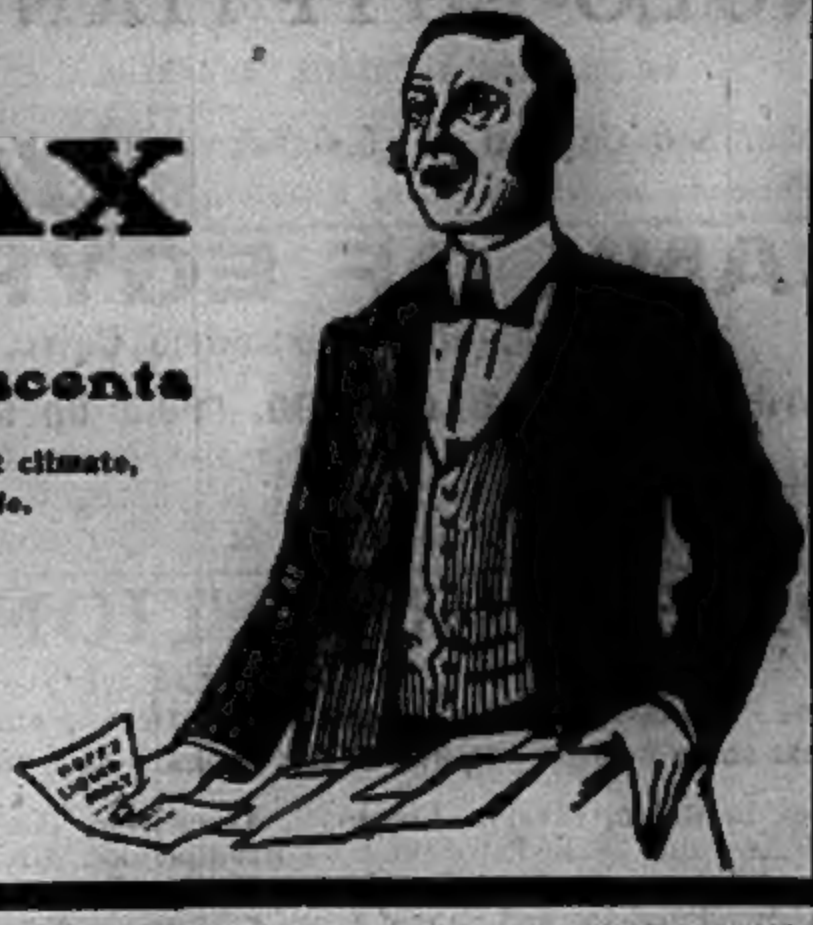
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| Direction of wind | Force of wind | Temp. of air | Temp. of sea | Humidity | State of clouds |
|-------------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|----------|-----------------|
| From N.W. | 30 | 21.5 | 21.5 | 74.5 | 1/4 cloudy |
| From S.W. | 30 | 21.5 | 21.5 | 74.5 | 1/4 cloudy |
| From E. | 30 | 21.5 | 21.5 | 74.5 | 1/4 cloudy |
| From W. | 30 | 21.5 | 21.5 | 74.5 | 1/4 cloudy |
| From N.E. | 30 | 21.5 | 21.5 | 74.5 | 1/4 cloudy |
| From S.E. | 30 | 21.5 | 21.5 | 74.5 | 1/4 cloudy |
| From E.S.E. | 30 | 21.5 | 21.5 | 74.5 | 1/4 cloudy |
| From S.E.S. | 30 | 21.5 | 21.5 | 74.5 | 1/4 cloudy |
| From E.S.E. | 30 | 21.5 | 21.5 | 74.5 | 1/4 cloudy |
| From S.E.S. | 30 | 21.5 | 21.5 | 74.5 | 1/4 cloudy |

Though commencing cool and fresh, the greater part of yesterday was uncomfortably hot and at night the atmosphere was oppressive. This morning there is a light N.W. breeze, but the conditions promise to be the same as yesterday. The barometer is fairly steady with a slight downward tendency.

OTHER STATIONS.
OBSERVATIONS BY SURVEY DEPARTMENT.
For the 24 hours ending 6 a.m. yesterday.

| Stations. | Max. temp. in the shade. | Min. temp. in the shade. | Max. temp. in the sun. | Min. temp. in the sun. |
|-------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| Port Said. | 25 | 19 | 35 | 27 |
| Suez. | 27 | 19 | 35 | 27 |
| Helwan. | 23 | 19 | 35 | 27 |
| Ghizeh. | 23 | 19 | 35 | 27 |
| Amara. | 23 | 19 | 35 | 27 |
| Wady Halfa. | 23 | 19 | 35 | 27 |

FOREIGN STATIONS.

| Stations. | Barom. | Wind. | Temp. | State of Sea. |
|------------|--------|------------|-------|---------------|
| India. | 75.5 | calm | 21 | Calm |
| Yokohama. | 75.5 | Very light | 21 | Very slight |
| Shanghai. | 75.5 | Very light | 21 | Very slight |
| Amoy. | 75.5 | Very light | 21 | Very slight |
| Swatow. | 75.5 | Very light | 21 | Very slight |
| Hankow. | 75.5 | Very light | 21 | Very slight |
| Peking. | 75.5 | Very light | 21 | Very slight |
| Tientsin. | 75.5 | Very light | 21 | Very slight |
| Harbin. | 75.5 | Very light | 21 | Very slight |
| Manchuria. | 75.5 | Very light | 21 | Very slight |

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MASSACRE BY COMPARTMENTS.

The feebleness of the present Home Ministry is causing great comment in the Conservative press. In its issue of last Tuesday, the Globe says:—

"There are occasions in public, as well as in private, that are too sacred for tears, or the spectacle yesterday of the Prime Minister and his followers in the House of Commons might well have made them 'rise in the heart and gather to the eyes.' Standing in the hall of lost illusions, Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman discharged the painful duty of extinguishing in turn the hopes of every section among his faithful and devoted followers. The spectacle was reminded of those ceremonies in which one by one the candles are put out until the room is left in darkness, save for a single glimmering taper. The Licensing Bill is dropped, the inarticulate wrath of the teetotal fanatics. The Special Religious Instruction Bill shares its fate, and the Passive Resisters have to be content with the Prime Minister's appreciation of the 'tremendous sacrifices' they have made, and are making, for conscience sake." The Irish Council Bill receives its coup de grace with an expression of "sincere regret and disappointment." The Irish University Bill is abandoned, but Mr. Birrell means "to devote time and personal attention to the question." The Miners' Eight Hour Bill is left in a critical condition, and the

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Labour members are gently prepared for the worst. What gleam of light, then, is there to cheer the men who are thus doomed to see their fondest hopes decay? The Prime Minister keeps it well in reserve. Whatever else is or has been dropped, he is not going to throw over the resolution against the House of Lords, which is to form the basis of the next electoral campaign. "It will be moved," the Prime Minister tells us, "either on the 17th or the 24th of this month, probably the 24th." A thrill went through the Assembly at these fateful words. It seemed as though Zerkow was predicting the doom of the British Constitution.

"Comment on the Prime Minister's dilemma is really superfluous. Nor was there anything in yesterday's statement, except perhaps the dismissal of the Education Bill, which occasioned any surprise. Some of the more sanguine of the Ministerial groups had cherished hopes of exceptional treatment for their bandings, and the Labour members, who forget that the House does not consist entirely of men who have no occupation but politics, are still clamouring for an autumn Session. But to the more experienced among the Prime Minister's audience yesterday the real sting of his speech did not lie in the enumeration of the Bills that are formally abandoned. It was painfully obvious that the innocents are to be massacred by compartments, and that yesterday was only the beginning. Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman has not yet risen to the conception of what is feasible in a Parliamentary Session, and what is impossible. He is still possessed by the same unpractical optimism which led him to stuff the King's Speech with a programme that would require a Parliamentary decade for its accomplishment, and which allowed him to declare on the eve of the Whitsuntide adjournment that business was in a good position, and that the time of the Session had been well spent. He is entitled, of course, to urge that the rejection of the Irish Council Bill by the Nationalist Convention upset his calculations, and that no blame for that decision can attach to himself or his colleagues. The constituencies, we fancy, will hardly take this tolerant view, and they will require, very probably, to be satisfied as to how it came about that the Government had no inkling of the reception which 'the Bill of the season' was going to meet with among the people for whose benefit it was introduced. And as a further test of the Prime Minister's business capacity, they will not improbably ask themselves what would have become of the rest of the Session if Dublin had decided otherwise, and the Irish Bill had been proceeded with.

"To-day is the 4th of June, and Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman indicates that Parliament will be prorogued not later than the middle of August. In that period of time he hopes, so he said yesterday, to pass the following measures through the House of Commons:—The Finance Bill, the Territorial and Reserve Forces Bill, the Small Holdings Bills (England and Scotland), the Valuation Bill, Scotland, the Patents Bill, the Court of Criminal Appeal Bill, the Evicted Tenants (Ireland) Bill, the Women on Local Authorities Bill. And other less conspicuous Bills which I need hardly enumerate." This simple unadorned catalogue is the severest condemnation of the confusion into which the programme of the Session has drifted. Some of these Bills have not been introduced, others have not been printed, and it is noticeable that among the "less conspicuous Bills" are included the Pacific Islands Bill, the Wireless Telegraphy Bill, and the South African Loan Bill. The time is not far distant when the Premier will make his bow for the second time, announce the Bills that are to go into the second compartment of the lethal chamber, and appeal once more to the indulgence of his supporters. The gloom that is depressing the fervid and ardent young Radical is deepening as the Session wears away. Nor is it likely to be dispelled by Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman's assurance that each of the promised measures shall, next Session, have priority over the others. By pledging himself to a Licensing Bill and a comprehensive Bill which shall settle the Education question, he has not only mortgaged the bulk of the Parliamentary time of 1908, but he has increased the doubts already existing among some of his followers as to whether he is really in earnest. His sincerity can only be established at the price of another conspicuous failure to manage the business of the House of Commons. Moreover, the tide is turning, and if the Government, with their huge majority, have failed so conspicuously to utilise it when at the flood, what will they do as it ebbs?



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A New Road.

A road of a breadth of 40 metres is to be laid from Chabty, from a point near the Victoria College, to the Mahmoudieh Canal, via El Parkha.

Savoy Palace Hotel.

The Administration of the Savoy Palace Hotel at Alexandria requests us to announce that it has decided to close the hotel from June 15 to October 1. [ADVT.]

Firm Dissolved.

The firm of F.C. Baines and Co. has been dissolved, and all assets, liabilities, and pending business of the firm have been assumed by Messrs. P. Hahnloser and Co., Alexandria.

Alexandrian Anniversary.

To-day is the 25th anniversary of the commencement of the Arabi rebellion, it being at half past one on the afternoon of June 11 that the rebellious natives commenced to massacre the Europeans in the streets of Alexandria.

Converted Copts.

A Coptic woman and her daughter presented themselves at the Gouvernorat yesterday to obtain permission to embrace the Moslem faith. After the usual formalities, performed in the presence of a Coptic priest, they were referred to the Mekheme Sharia.

Fire in Alexandria.

A fire broke out last night in house at Kom el Shoukafa, Alexandria, but was extinguished by the fire Brigade before any serious damage had been done. We regret to learn, however, that two women were burnt, one of whom died in hospital this morning.

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BULLETIN DE LA BOURSE

(Aujourd'hui à midi).

Le niveau des cours continue à céder sur presque toute la ligne.

De 8 1/4 l'Agriole fléchit à 8 1/16, la National Bank de 22 à 21 1/16, la Delta Light de 9 13/16 à 9 5/8.

La Cassa di Sconto tombe à 138 l'ancienne et 136 la nouvelle, soit une baisse respective de 13 et 14 francs.

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En revanche la Ramleh gagne encore 1/16 à 5 5/16, l'obligation nouvelle Crédit Foncier 2 francs à 268; la Delta Land reprend aussi à 2 1/16.

Comme transactions, elles ont été peu considérables. On a émis le vœu en clôture que les séances soient supprimées pour un certain laps de temps ou du moins qu'elles soient réduites à 1 heure par jour.

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The "Daily Telegraph" publishes a very common-sense letter from a Cairo Correspondent justifying the Khedive's attitude in recent events. For months this slightest attitude has been construed into sedition and he had a distinct right to take the opportunity of repudiating in Mr. Dicey's interview the libellous suggestions, which distressed and annoyed him. From personal knowledge the correspondent is convinced that the Khedive is anxious to work in co-operation with anyone for the well-being of his country.

SLANDER ACTION.

His Britannic Majesty's Consular Court at Alexandria has been occupied for the past five days with the hearing of an interesting slander action, in which Mr. Rainey M. Ross, formerly district traffic superintendent of the Delta Light Railways, sued an employé of the same company, for slander. Both parties are well known in Damanhour. The slander complained of was a serious one and the Court awarded the plaintiff £40 damages, and costs. Mr. Halford (instructed by Mr. Leveaux) appeared for the plaintiff and Mr. Whitworth for the defendant.

MOTOR CAR ACCIDENT.

Yesterday afternoon one of our readers called upon us to report that a motor-car had run over a young woman, and to complain against the slowness with which the police acted. The accident occurred close to the railway station and according to our informant the girl who, we understand, is a Syrian nursemaid of 22 years of age, was bundled on to the front seat of the car "comme un mouton". The car was empty and upon those standing by protesting against such treatment she was placed inside the car. Two policemen accompanied her to the police station, where further time was wasted, and it was only upon the arrival of the ambulance of the Soccorso d'Urgenza that the girl was taken to hospital. She is, we are informed, in a dangerous condition.

Our informant's complaint against the delay caused by the police in bringing first aid to the injured girl is quite justifiable, and we regret that such should be the rule rather than the exception. To the shavish it is of far more importance to draw up a procès-verbal than relieve the sufferings (perhaps in some cases save the lives) of persons injured in accidents. We appeal to the police authorities to make stringent regulations (and see that they are acted upon) to deal with accidents of all natures, and not to necessitate the taking of an injured person to the caracol.

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Selection—Lady Macbeth—Rubens.
Souvenir des Alpes—In Zillertal—Eilenberg.
Interval.
Patrol—U.S.A.—Coxmore.
Intermezzo—Salome—Lorraine.
Selection—The Little Michus—Messenger.
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The progress made will undoubtedly be maintained in the future as the backers of the Railway are investors of the highest standing with a very practical knowledge of this class of investment and they have taken the greatest pains to secure a "personnel" thoroughly up to the business, who have proved their capacity by rescuing the enterprise from an abyss of bad management and abuse.

As a matter of fact a very careful examination of those parts of the Fayoum hitherto without any railway service at all is being made, and a scheme for the improvement of the existing connections is now in hand.

The results of this and at the same time of the extension of lines, where found justifiable, will be extremely interesting to watch, and we hasten to congratulate the new management on their very practical and public spirited enterprise.

Good Cotton Crop.

Our correspondent informs us that the cotton crop shows every indication of being excellent, despite the fact that owing to the severe weather some of the first sowings perished, in some cases necessitating a third planting.

MR. BLUNT'S BOOK.

"DAILY NEWS" REVIEW.

(Gazette's Special Service.)

London, Monday.

In a long and able review of Mr. Wilfred Scawen Blunt's book, "The Secret History of the English Occupation of Egypt," the "Daily News" describes the account of Arabi's movement as full of interest and new matter, but it concludes by saying that there is nothing to change anybody's mind about the position we hold in Egypt. The reader will probably retain the conviction that, assuming we have any business to do anything for Egypt, we have done far more than nationalism, led by Arabi and menaced from Constantinople, could ever have done.

LORD CROMER.

KING'S BIRTHDAY HONOUR.

(Gazette's Special Service.)

London, Monday.

I understand that the publication of the king's birthday list, which is expected to be on June 29, will reveal a still further honour paid by his Majesty to Lord Cromer.

THE KHEDEVE.

The departure of his Highness is fixed for 26th instant and the usual receptions preceding his departure will take place on Saturday the 22nd inst.

PERSONAL AND SOCIAL.

Lady Gorst has left for England by the P. and O. S.S. India, Sir Eldon Gorst will remain in Alexandria until the middle of next month, when he will leave for home.

Sir Reginald Wingate Pasha has arrived at Cairo from Khartoum en route for England. The Sirdar will embark at Alexandria on Saturday on the Austrian Lloyd mail boat.

Sir Malcolm Melville will arrive at San Stefano from Cairo on Saturday, and will leave for Europe on the 26th inst. The judicial Adviser will be replaced during his absence by Mr. Brunyate.

Commander Malmusi, Italian Diplomatic Agent and Consul-General, was received in audience yesterday by the Khedive, and he afterwards visited Sir Eldon Gorst at Bulkeley, and those of the Ministers who are at present at San Stefano.

Judge L. W. Halton has left for London.

Kaimakan Feilden Bey, inspector of the Red Sea provinces, and Bimbashi King, inspector of Kordofan province have been granted leave for three months.

Mr. T.A.F. Critchley, manager of the Alexandria branch of the Imperial Ottoman Bank, is going on leave on Saturday.

Mr. Patterson, inspector to the Ministry of Finance, has been granted leave of absence for three months to date from the 25th instant.

We regret to learn of the death of Mr. Cesare Musso, local director of the Cairo Post Office, who passed away this morning at the age of 63 years. The deceased had been in the service of the Administration for 35 years, and was appointed Cairo postmaster in November 1901. We beg to offer our sincere condolences to his widow and children.

Mr. S. de Bilinski has left for Switzerland with Mrs. and Miss de Bilinski, his mother and sister, who, we are sorry to learn, are unwell. They will be joined at Venice by Mr. and Mrs. Algernon Carver, who are spending their honeymoon in Italy.

Mr. Aquilina, proprietor of the Carlton Hotel, is leaving for Malta to-day with his family by the Moss liner "Tabor."

The following visitors are staying at the Beau-Rivage Hotel, Ramleh: Dr. Milton, Mr. Devonshire, Mr. and Mrs. L. Johnson, Judge and Mrs. Marshall, Mrs. Elliot Smith and family, Geheirath Ottmar von Mohl, Miss von Mohl, Mr. L. Beale, Mr. and Mrs. Miller and family, Mr. and Mrs. R.S. Beasley, Ali Bey Kamel, M. Kamel Bey, Dr. and Mrs. Warnock and family, Dr. and Mrs. Llewellyn Phillips and family, Mr. and Mrs. I.K. Zahar and suite, Mr. and Mrs. L. Limpitrit and family, Mr. and Mrs. H. Bononti and family, Mr. and Mrs. H. Ait, Mr. and Mrs. W. Davis, Mr. and Mrs. P. King, Miss Heath, Miss Collins, Mr. James Watson, Miss Coxon.

The following is the list of passengers arrived by the Norddeutscher Lloyd S.S. Schleswig from Marseilles and Naples:—Miss Ester Bijou, Mr. X. Socola, Mr. Ali Riza, Mr. Jacques de Picciotto, Mr. Nicole, Mr. Benario, Mr. E. Nathan, Miss Kolp, Mr. Verbingham, Mr. and Mrs. Williner, Mr. Habert.

THE YEMEN SITUATION.

IMPERIAL TROOPS HARD PRESSED.

FAIZ'S DESPAIRING APPEAL.

(Gazette's Special Service.)

London, Tuesday.

The "Times" publishes a belated telegram stating that, according to trustworthy information from a private source, Faizi Pasha has telegraphed a despairing appeal to the Porte stating that communications between Sana and Hodeida have been almost entirely cut off for several days. The Imperial troops are hard pressed by the rebel Arabs, and unless he received within eight days definite information that reinforcements and supplies had been despatched he must ask to be relieved of his post. Troops, ammunition, and money are all equally indispensable, and in any case it would be difficult to hold out until they arrived.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

Aden, June 5.

The news received from the Yemen up to the present shows that there is a deadlock in the negotiations between the Porte and the Imam. The Commission is still at Sana, and till now the negotiations have not been opened. The communication addressed to the Imam by the Commission regarding the appointment of time and place of the conference, have not elicited satisfactory replies from the Imam, and the commission is naturally nervous of venturing on a journey into the interior of the Yemen without sufficient guarantee for its safety. A suggestion, which met with the Imam's approval, was at last made by the commission that the Imam should give the commission ten Sheikhs and learned men to proceed with the Commission to Constantinople, and put before the Sultan their grievances and views as to the necessary reforms that should be introduced into the administration of the Yemen.

The Commission will also select two or three from the leading natives of each principal district in the Yemen, and will send them to Constantinople at the Turkish Government's expense, as it is said his Majesty the Sultan is desirous of meeting them. Forty representatives have now been selected and are proceeding to Hodeida for embarkation.

The Commission made a tour to Taez, and other Turkish districts. It will shortly proceed to Hodeida.

CAIRO MEDICAL SCHOOL.

PROF. LOOSS HONOURED.

Our readers will be interested to learn that the Council of the Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine have expressed their intention of awarding the Mary Kingsley medal to Dr. Arthur Looss, Professor of Helminthology to the Kasr el Aini School of Medicine. The Mary Kingsley medal was struck in commemoration of the work of the late Miss Mary Kingsley in West Africa. It is presented from time to time to those who have distinguished themselves in research into tropical medicine and allied subjects. The names of the holders of the medal, are proofs—if any are needed—of the high compliment paid to Dr. Looss by its award. Col David Bruce, C.B., F.R.S., Geheirath Professor Dr. Robert Koch, Dr. A. Lavean, Member of the Institute of France, and Sir Patrick Manson, K.C.M.G., F.R.S., were awarded the medal in 1905, and to these names that of Dr. Arthur Looss must now be added.

The new medalist has acquired distinction by his brilliant and painstaking researches in that special branch of medicine that deals with human parasitic diseases. He has devoted special attention to the study of Bilharzia and Ankylostomiasis, frequent and distressing complaints caused by internal parasites, whose life history and methods of attack have been elucidated by his efforts. Our readers will join us in congratulating Dr. Looss on his high and well merited distinction.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR.

We do not hold ourselves responsible for the opinions expressed by our correspondents, but we wish, in a spirit of fair play to all, to permit—within certain necessary limitations—discussion.

AT THE RACES.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "EGYPTIAN GAZETTE"

Sir—It is quite a happy suggestion on the part of a "Lady Member" of the Sporting Club, the having a separate enclosure for those whose instinct may be more for social distinction than sport, and one much to be appreciated, more especially, if the Paddock be exclusively reserved for sportsmen and lovers of the Quadruped of high degree.

Yours etc:

SPORT.

STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

The S.S. Syrian Prince, with passengers and general cargo, left Manchester on the 9th inst., and is due to arrive at Alexandria on or about the 24th inst.

The Moss liner Menepthah sailed from Malta yesterday morning and is due here on Thursday afternoon, with passengers, mails and general cargo.

SPORT AND PLAY.

ALEXANDRIA V. CAIRO.

2nd DAY.

The second day of this match saw some very keen and sporting cricket, and an exciting finish ended in a draw. Cairo with a lead of 70 from the previous day started off to try and force the pace and there was some very smart running by Stout and Goschen. The former however was in too great a hurry, and in trying to put Mustard out of the ground was bowled. Mustard and Hastings were bowling very good and runs were very hard to get. Liddell was clean bowled by Mustard, and Burnham lost his wicket hitting out too soon. Goschen left caught at the wicket after a steady 19, and with 4 wickets down for 38 it looked like a collapse. William and Crake however saved the situation and the latter was beginning to look quite at home when he was, luckily for Alex., run out by a brilliant piece of work by Mustard at extra cover. McMurdo made a very useful and hard hit 34 for his side before being beaten by Mustard. Williams was highest score for his side, contributing a very useful and steady 49. The last four wickets gave very little trouble and the innings closed for 144, at 4.30 p.m., leaving Alex. 216 to get to win in 2 1/2 hours.

The Alex. innings started badly again, Graves clean bowling Peel before double figures were reached. The two Carvers were looking like getting runs when H.B. Carver skied a leg ball and was easily taken by the wicket keeper. Prosser was then very well caught off a hard out by Goschen standing between third man and point. H.P. Carver was taken in the slips off Graves and with 4 down for 37 Alex. was put very much on the defensive. Mainprice, and Hay played carefully for some time and with Bury on in place of Burnham runs began to come a little more freely. Then Mainprice was clean beat and bowled by a good ball from Bury, which was unluckily for Cairo given a no ball. Hay got in front to Bury and Hastings was taken at the wicket off the same bowler. Mustard came in and started hitting about pretty freely and it was at this time Cairo lost the match by dropping catches at point and mid off. Mustard was finally caught by Stout after a very useful 45 and Mainprice left soon after, playing on to Graves, after a very steady and useful innings of 54. He had a certain amount of luck on his side but there is no doubt that it was his careful and steady play that knocked the keenness of the bowling and made things easier for those that followed. In a bad light it looked like Cairo winning after all as Wilson failed. However then came the most exciting time in the match Dawson hitting out very well after being dropped off a hard chance at the wicket. He and Aubrey took the score from 149 to 186 and looked as if they might have pulled the match off despite the bad light when stumps were drawn at 7 p.m. The ground fielding on both sides was very good but Cairo dropped a lot of catches in the last innings.

CAIRO 1st INNINGS.

Mr. P.W. Stout, ct. H. B. Carver, b. Prosser... 0
Mr. E.H. Goschen, ct. Rev. Hastings, b. Mustard... 5
Major J.S. Liddell, b. Rev. Hastings... 50
Mr. G.L. Burnham, ct. Wilson, b. Prosser... 19
Mr. S.V. Williams, b. Mustard... 46
Mr. R.H. Crake, b. Rev. Hastings... 2
Mr. A.M. McMurdo, b. Mustard... 9
Mr. E. Sanderson, run out... 5
Mr. Wiling Smith, ct. Hay, b. Rev. Hastings... 4
Mr. P. Graves, not out... 6
Mr. L.E. Bury, ct. Wilson, b. Mustard... 14
Byes 8. Wides 2. No Balls 1... 11
Total... 171

Bowling Analysis.

| | Wickets | Runs |
|---------------|---------|------|
| A. Mustard | 4 | 46 |
| N. Prosser | 2 | 40 |
| H. B. Carver | 0 | 30 |
| A. E. Aubrey | 0 | 24 |
| Rev. Hastings | 3 | 19 |

Runs at fall of each wicket:
1 for 6: 2 for 8: 3 for 42: 4 for 113: 5 for 115:
6 for 134: 7 for 146: 8 for 155: 9 for 157.

ALEXANDRIA 1st INNINGS.

Mr. H. B. Carver, b. Graves... 1
" H.P. Carver, ct. Williams, b. Burnham... 4
" A. N. Prosser, l.b.w. b. Graves... 22
" R. E. Mainprice, ct. Williams, b. Burnham... 9
" W. Hay, ct. Williams, b. Graves... 0
" Rev. Hastings, R.N. ct. Crake, b. Burnham... 12
" A. Mustard, ct. McMurdo, b. Burnham... 8
" A. E. Aubrey, ct. Burnham, b. Graves... 12
" D. E. Wilson, l.b.w. Burnham... 3
" R. Peel, not out... 13
" S. J. Dawson, ct. Crake, b. Bury... 10
Byes 3, Leg byes 2... 5
Total... 101

Bowling Analysis.

| | Wickets | Runs |
|--------------|---------|------|
| G. Burnham | 4 | 50 |
| P. Graves | 5 | 35 |
| L. Bury | 1 | 10 |
| Wiling Smith | — | — |

Runs at fall of each wicket:
1 for 1: 2 for 11: 3 for 25: 4 for 25: 5 for 52:
6 for 60: 7 for 60: 8 for 64: 9 for 79.

CAIRO 2nd INNINGS.

Mr. P.W. Stout, b. Mustard... 5
" E.H. Goschen, ct. Dawson, b. Rev. Hastings... 19
Major J.S. Liddell, b. Mustard... 3

Mr. G.L. Burnham, ct. Aubrey, b. Mustard... 5
" S.V. Williams, ct. Dawson, b. Mustard... 49
" R.H. Crake, run out... 21
" A.M. McMurdo, b. Mustard... 34
" E. Sanderson, b. Prosser... 0
" Wiling Smith, b. Mustard... 1
" P. Graves, b. Prosser... 0
" L.E. Bury, not out... 0
Byes 6. Wides 1... 7
Total... 144

Bowling Analysis.

| | Wickets | Runs |
|---------------|---------|------|
| Rev. Hastings | 1 | 27 |
| A. Mustard | 6 | 71 |
| A.E. Aubrey | 0 | 22 |
| A.L. Prosser | 2 | 17 |

Runs at fall of each wicket:
1 for 9: 2 for 28: 3 for 28: 4 for 33: 5 for 77:
6 for 129: 7 for 130: 8 for 135: 9 for 144.

ALEXANDRIA 2nd INNINGS.

Mr. H. B. Carver, ct. Crake, b. Graves... 16
" R. Peel, b. Graves... 1
" H.P. Carver, ct. Burnham, b. Graves... 12
" A. L. Prosser, ct. Goschen, b. Burnham... 4
" R. E. Mainprice, b. Graves... 54
" W. Hay, l.b.w. Bury... 10
" Rev. Hastings, ct. Crake, b. Bury... 4
" A. Mustard, ct. Stout, b. Burnham... 45
" A. E. Aubrey, not out... 10
" D. E. Wilson, l.b.w. Graves... 0
" S. J. Dawson, not out... 27
Byes 1, No balls 2... 3
Total... 186

Bowling Analysis.

| | Wickets | Runs |
|--------------|---------|------|
| G. Burnham | 2 | 51 |
| P. Graves | 5 | 65 |
| L. Bury | 2 | 45 |
| Wiling Smith | — | 14 |
| S. Williams | — | 12 |

Runs at fall of each wicket:
1 for 8: 2 for 23: 3 for 33: 4 for 37: 5 for 65:
6 for 69: 7 for 147: 8 for 148: 9 for 149.

POLO.

A good match was played at Ghazieh on Saturday 8th between Capt Bartlett's team and a team from the K.S.C. teams as follows:
K.S.C. Capt. Bartlett's (team).
M. Thompson L. M. Hadov L.
Capt. Drake II. Major Evans II.
Mr. Marsham III. Capt. Bartlett III.
Mr. Bowen (back). Mr. Jenkinson (back).
First Chukker.—Game very level: K.S.C. scored a goal.
Second Chukker.—Capt. Bartlett was conspicuous, making some fine runs and scoring a goal for his side.

Third Chukker.—Mr. Bowen and Capt. Drake played a fine game for the K.S.C. One goal was scored by either side. Score 2 all.
4th Chukker.—Witnessed a hard fight, the K.S.C. scoring a goal just on time from a free hit, and thus winning a very interesting game.

BRITISH RIFLE CLUB ALEXANDRIA.

The return match between the Eastern Telegraph Co. team and a rest of the Club team resulted in favour of the former by 3 points. Mr. G. D. Lovell won a "Milton" silver badge. Scores:—
Eastern Telegraph Coy.

| | 200 | 500 | 600 | Total |
|------------------|-----|-----|-----|-------|
| G. D. Lovell | 31 | 29 | 30 | 90 |
| A. Noble | 28 | 31 | 26 | 85 |
| W. G. Jacob | 30 | 29 | 22 | 81 |
| F. C. Smith | 26 | 27 | 27 | 80 |
| W. W. Herrington | 30 | 25 | 22 | 77 |
| F. J. Squires | 25 | 23 | 23 | 71 |
| R. Murchland | 26 | 21 | 21 | 68 |
| | 196 | 185 | 171 | 552 |

Rest of Club.

| | 32 | 29 | 29 | 90 |
|----------------|----|----|----|------|
| L. H. Richards | 26 | 30 | 28 | 84</ |

TELEGRAMS.

AMERICA AND JAPAN.

THE IMMIGRATION BILL.

TROUBLE AHEAD.

WASHINGTON, June 10.
It is learned from an authoritative source that the Japanese of the Pacific Coast and the Progressives in Japan are allied for the purpose of overthrowing the Ministry and obtaining annulment of the coolies exclusion clause of the Immigration Bill. The preliminary steps will be to secure the recall of Viscount Aoki from Washington and an apology, and perhaps an indemnity, for the violent treatment of Japanese in San Francisco. (Reuter)

DANISH VISIT TO LONDON.

RECEPTION AT GUILDHALL.

LONDON, June 10.
In the afternoon the King and Queen of Denmark drove in procession to the Guildhall where a grand reception was held. They lunched with the Lord Mayor and received an address from the Corporation. The Prince and Princess of Wales, the Duke and Duchess of Connaught, the Duke of Fife, and several Cabinet Ministers were present. King Frederick in his speech dwelt on the ancient friendship existing between the two countries. (Reuter)

FRANCE AND JAPAN.

AGREEMENT SIGNED.

PARIS, June 10.
The Franco-Japanese agreement has been signed. (Reuter)

PARIS, June 10.
The Franco-Japanese agreement has been signed. (Havas)

SALAR-ED-DOWLEH DEFEATED.

PILLAGE IN MAKU.

TEHRAN, June 10.
It is reported that Hissam-Mulk heavily defeated Salar-ed-Dowleh on Saturday near Nihavend.

(Later). According to a further report from Nihavend a sharp engagement took place on Saturday. The rebels were shelled and retreated, losing 40 men.

Disorders have broken out in the district of Maku: villages have been pillaged. (Reuter)

WINE-GROWERS' AGITATION.

500,000 PEOPLE PARTICIPATE.

PARIS, June 10.
The wine-growers agitation was brought to a climax yesterday by an unparalleled demonstration at Montpellier. Over 500,000 people from all parts of the South participated. The bulk of them arrived yesterday and all churches and public buildings were given up for purposes of shelter, but thousands were compelled to sleep in the streets. M. Long announced that unless the Government satisfied their demands by 10th instant the South would refuse to pay and all the local authorities would resign. Demonstrators pledged themselves to carry out the threat. It is expected that 1200 municipalities will cease from their functions to night. (Reuter)

PARIS, June 10.
The Chamber continues to discuss the suppression of wine adulteration. The speakers, deputies of the North forbid the sugar. At Montpellier, Narbonne, and Perpignan, the Municipalities have resigned, proclaiming a strike against the payment of the tax. (Havas)

TELEGRAMS.

INTERNATIONAL AUTOMOBILE RACE.

PEKING TO PARIS.

PEKING, June 10.
Three French motor cars, and one Dutch and one Italian started this morning on the race to Paris, via Kalgan and Kiakhta. (Reuter)

PEKING, June 10.
The motor-cars taking part in the Peking-Paris race have started. (Havas)

GUATEMALA PRESIDENT ASSASSINATED.

LONDON, June 10.
According to a telegram received from Mexico City, Senor Cabrera, the President of Guatemala, has been assassinated. (Reuter)

GERMANY AND JAPAN.

KAISER ENTERTAINS PRINCE.

BERLIN, June 10.
The Emperor has entertained the Japanese Prince Kuni and Admiral Yamamoto at luncheon. (Reuter)

FRENCH PROVINCIAL TROUBLE.

PARIS, June 10.
The newspapers insist on the possible danger of the situation in the middle provinces. (H)

RUSSIAN PLOTS.

ST. PETERSBURG, June 10.
The police has discovered a military plot at Censhochow. (Havas)

POLICING IN MOROCCO.

TANGIER, June 10.
The representatives of the Powers have adopted the police regulations. (Havas)

THE BEHRING STRAITS.

ST. PETERSBURG, June 10.
The Tsar has approved the proposal of the Cabinet to grant a concession for the construction of a railway to the Behring Straits to link up the proposed tunnel. (Reuter)

PERSIAN ELECTORAL DISORDERS.

TEHRAN, June 10.
Serious electoral disorders have occurred at Kermanshah resulting in considerable loss of life. 2,000 members of the anti-governor faction have taken refuge in the British Consulate. Simultaneously Kurds are raiding in the vicinity and soldiers looting inside the town. The expedition against Salar-ed-Dowleh is awaiting reinforcements. (Reuter)

HISTORICAL MYTHS.

"ARAB" AND "ISLAMIC" CIVILISATION.

The relations of any religion with the civilisation possessed by its votaries are almost always misrepresented by the popular voice, and by the special pleaders of an established hierarchy. "Post hoc ergo propter hoc" the pleader proves too much. The English who invaded the British Isles in the 5th century of the Roman Empire were barbarians—they were converted to Christianity. They afterwards reached a relatively high degree of civilisation ergo-Christianity caused their advance. The provinces of the Caliphate of Baghdad were ruled by Moslems, they possessed or attained a relatively high degree of civilisation, ergo-Islam was the cause thereof. Such is popular reasoning—facts which tell against it, e.g. the decline of the general civilisation of the Mediterranean world between the pagan second century and the invasion of a Christianised Spain and Italy by the Northern Barbarians, the further decline of civilisation

in Morocco, Algeria and Tunis after the Arab conquest, are buried for historians; free thinkers and other immoralists to exhumate. The apologists of official Christianity and official Islam, (I am not discussing the actual religions taught by Christ or Mohammed but the established beliefs of medieval Europe and of Western Asia) have been at pains to show that human progress whether in Italy or in Mesopotamia was the direct result of the adoption by Italians or Arabs of certain religious beliefs and observances. Thus we find ourselves enclosed in a vicious circle of non-sequiturs from which we can only escape by a careful examination of the premises, which must lead us to the conclusion that civilisation in the countries of the west was born before Christianity and Islam had been conceived and that existing religions, however much they may have modified the growth of civilisation for good or for evil, are in no sense responsible for its existence. By the application of this method it will at once be seen that the term 'Islamic' civilisation is a misnomer, for if a religion is a cause of civilisation how comes it that the religion, which according to our Nationalist authors caused the civilisation of the Caliphate, also caused the barbarisation of N. Africa? A cannot be equal to B and minus B at the same time. Therefore we must speak of the civilisation of the Islamic world, just as we speak of the civilisation of the Hindu domain, or of Protestant countries. But if the expression 'Islamic civilisation' is inaccurate surely the expression 'Arab civilisation' is even less tolerable—for to be accurate it must imply that the Arabs brought civilisation with them or developed a special variety of civilisation in the countries which they overran and conquered. What did the Arabs bring to Syria, Egypt and Persia? Enthusiasm, generated by a simple and vigorous creed, and a picturesque but prolix ballad poetry. Arts, institutions more developed than the tribal or the patriarchal, organisation, sciences, the higher branches of poetry, how could these things be exported from the burning deserts and rare oases of Arabia? As well expect ice from the plains of Equatorial Africa or cotton from Spitzbergen. They conquered races Christian, pagan, Zoroastrian which had the tradition of civilisation in their blood, which had been relatively civilised since the dawn of history, which had never experienced barbarian conquest. The Semites of Western Asia had been profoundly influenced by the Greeks before the conquests of the Macedonians, and the coming of the Roman Empire. The Macedonians Hellenised them, the Romans introduced the Roman organisation and the Roman Law. The Persians of the days of Chosroes were the heirs of the civilisation of Western Asia and of Greece, nor were they strangers to the culture of the Roman Empire, always their neighbour and alternately their friend and their enemy. There were therefore among the conquered peoples all the essentials of development, all the factors of civilisation historical and geographical, ready to bear fruit when and as soon as the wave of disturbance that accompanied the Arab invasion should have subsided. It was from these peoples that the culture which has been erroneously described as 'Arab' and 'Moslem' was derived. 'Arab' it was only in the sense that it flourished in states where Islam was the prevailing religion. Certainly many Arabs and many Moslems adopted it, but it cannot on that account be contended that it was either 'Moslem' or 'Arab' in its origin. Personally I should be inclined to call it Saracen—a word derived from the Arabic 'Sharkiyin', Eastern, which if not a perfect title is as good as any that I know of.

When the Arabs first entered Syria and Mesopotamia they merited the title of an 'illiterate' race. This is abundantly proved by the evidence of history, e.g. 'Al Wagidi' states that in the early days of Islam only 17 men of the tribe of Koreish could write. Even the Koran had to be inscribed on the blades of oxen and similar objects in default of proper writing materials, and Zuh'r Rummah the last of the Bedouin poets, who died in the early part of the eighth century had to conceal the fact that he could write, since the accomplishment was regarded as a disgrace by his tribe. After the close of the Theocracy, which was terminated by the murder of the Khalif Ali, the Arab house of the Beni Umayya ruled the conquered countries until Jan. 25, 750 A.D. They were certainly Arabs in their virtues as in their vices—fitful, impetuous, capable of explosive outbursts of energy, generous, luxurious, and lovers of poetry and the chase. But they treated their non-Arab subjects whether Moslem or Christian with cruelty and rapacity, they failed to organise the vast empire which owned them as its lords, and in the practise of religion they were lax if not infidel.

When Abd-el-Malik learnt of his accession to the Caliphate he closed the Koran which lay before him exclaiming "this is a separation between me and thee" and Walid II allowed his concubines to take his place at public prayer, shot arrows in just at the Holy Book. At last the Moslems in the true sense of the word, the 'Shutes' who longed for vengeance for the deaths of Hassan and Hussein and the clients (mawali) notably in Persia, leagued themselves round the black banner of the house of Abbas and Abu Muslim, opened the great campaign that began at Mero and ended on the river Zab. The armies of Abu Muslim were emphatically not Arab—though they fought for an Arab house and under generals many of whom were Arabs. Nasr son of Sayyar, the last Umayyad Governor of Khorasan wrote of them the famous verses. "An enemy who already overshadows you a heterogeneous horde devoid alike of religion and nobility."

"They are no Arabs of ours that we should know them, nor even decent clients if their pedigree be declared."

"But a people who hold a faith where of I

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"And should one question me as to the essence of their religion verily their religion is that the Arabs should be slain!" (trans. by Professor E. G. Browne).

The Persians who fought on the Zab might be Moslems but they had no love for the Arabs, and Nasr's verses clearly show with what scorn the Arabs looked on the men from Meroe, Isfahan, Tabaristan, Balkh and Kunduz who gathered against them.

The Abbasid dynasty conquered by Persian arms, and among the various ingredients of the culture that flourished for two centuries under its rule, the Persian was the most prominent. Barmak the ancestor of the Barmecide house was the 'Mubadh' or fire priest of a Zoroastrian temple. The organisation of the empire of the Sassanids, Persian raiment and customs, were introduced. The old Persian festivals of the Nawruz, (New Year) the Ram and the Mihrgan were officially celebrated. In the past the Beni Umayya had left serious studies to their non-Arab clients. The sciences, exegesis, law grammar were largely in non-Arab hands, and under the most and tolerant and better organised rule of the Abbasids the non-Arab elements with their old tradition of civilisation took the lead. I admit that their language was at first Arabic, for the palmy days of Persian literature came later and that great Arabic scholars and poets—such as Mutanabbi—still flourished, but it surely cannot be contended that apart from the language and the official religion there was any thing distinctively Arab in the civilisation of Baghdad. The poet Abu Tamam was even rebuked by the Vigier of an Abbasid Caliph for comparing that monarch with the generous Hatim of the Bedouin tribe of Tai. "Dost thou compare the commander of the faithful with those barbarous Arabs" quoth the enraged minister. But the Persians were not without non-Arab rivals in the arts and sciences. The Syrians, Christian and pagan also played their part—witness the names of Qusta ben Luqa, and the nominal Moslems, but real pagans or Neoplatonists of Urfa who more than any others deserve the honour of having introduced to

the Saracen world the philosophy of Greece. The family of the Thabit of Harran is famous, Yuhanna ben Masawayh translated the works of the philosophers for Harun El Rashid, while Thabit ben Qurra revived the study of medicine with conspicuous success. Of the early Abbasid period Professor L. G. Browne writes "Strange and heterogeneous were the elements which made up, the intellectual atmosphere of Baghdad during the first century of Abbasid rule. The pious Muslims of Mecca and Medina who came thither, were scandalised to find unbelievers invested with the highest offices at court, and learned men of every religion holding friendly debate as to high questions of ontology and philosophy, in which, by common consent all appeal to revealed scripture was forbidden."

It was indeed a cosmopolitan culture, Eastern but influenced by the science and philosophy of Greece, inheriting the civilisation of Rome and Hellas, Persia, Judaea and Babylon, the religion and the noble language of the Arabs. It was not an Islamic culture for orthodox Islam ever viewed it with suspicion, and the Khalif, Al Ma'mun, won from it the title of 'Amir el Kafr'in—the commander of the unfaithful.

It fell—partly through the fatal religious reaction against the liberal views of the Mu'tazilites or partisans of the doctrine of free will, inaugurated in the reign of the orthodox and cruel Mutawakkil, partly through the growing power of the slave soldiers, Turks, Tartars, Berbers and negroes. From the end of the ninth century its decline, save in Persia, grew more marked, and in the thirteenth century the heathen Mongol hordes under Hulagu Khan wiped out the weak remnants of Caliphate of Baghdad with sword and fire.

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